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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
STARLING ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/745,605

FILED: DECEMBER 22, 2000

FOR: NOVEL IMMUNOGLOBULIN SUPERFAMILY MEMBERS OF APEX-
1, APEX-2 AND APEX-3 AND USES THEREOF

Art Unit: 1644

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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, a reply to which is due September 5, 2002 with a shortened statutory period for reply. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of time with an authorization to charge the fee therefore is filed herewith. Therefore, this reply is due December 5, 2002 and is deemed to be timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 15-26 and 42 without prejudice to filing one or more continuing applications thereto.